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'Trial' Barred

STOCKHOLM — Sweden forbade Lord Bertram Russell to hold his "war crimes trial" over alleged American atrocities in Vietnam in the country. In a radio statement, Prime Minister Tage Erlander said his government believed the trial would create an adverse reaction in the United States. Erlander said he had nothing against efforts to create a climate of opinion against the war but added: "I believe that a 'war crimes trial' against the head of government of one of the involved states would lead to nothing but aggravation of existing antagonism." The Russell groups first choice for the "trial" was Paris; Stockholm and London were mentioned as alternate sites.